

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re PATENT APPLICATION of

O'HAM

Appln. No.: 09/191,702

Filed: November 13, 1998



Group Art Unit: 1764

Examiner: J. LEUNG

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For: APPARATUS FOR SEPARATION OF CONSTITUENTS FROM MATRICES

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December 4, 2002

AMENDMENT

Hon. Commissioner of Patents
Washington, D.C. 20231

Sir:

In response to the Office Action dated June 4, 2002, please consider the following amendments and remarks regarding the above-identified application.

IN THE DRAWINGS

Please see the "Request for Approval to Amend Drawings" that is attached hereto.

IN THE SPECIFICATION

Please amend the specification as follows:

On page 8, please delete lines 3-9 and substitute therefor:

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The Matrix Constituent Separator (MCS) provides a controlled air flow distribution which the prior art lacked. The Matrix Constituent Separator enables an even distribution of air flow and heat drawn through the matrices contained in either the static or agitator tray to ensure complete desorption of the constituents contained within the entire matrix volume. For the desorption of volatile and semi-volatile organic and volatile inorganic chemicals, the lack